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**PSC TO HOLD HEARING MAY 4 ON
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY'S NATURAL GAS PROCUREMENT PLAN**

The state Public Service Commission will hold a hearing in Helena on Thursday, May 4, concerning NorthWestern Energy's plan for procurement of natural gas supply for Montana customers for the 2006-2007 heating season.

The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in the PSC's Bollinger Room, 1701 Prospect Avenue.

The gas procurement plan is the first plan filed by NWE in accordance with the company's gas procurement guidelines recently approved by the PSC. This first plan focuses on the 2006-2007 gas cost tracking period.

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